



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON
DISABILITIES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
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Wednesday, May 20, 2015

1:00 PM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-2459)

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Call to Order. (15-2056)

President Janet A. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: President Janet A. Neal, 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, 2nd Vice President John B. Troost, Treasurer Winslow C. Reitnouer, Commissioner Carlos Benavides, Commissioner Lourdes Caracoza, Commissioner Hector Ochoa, Commissioner Dee Pinchbeck and Commissioner Peggie Reyna

Absent: Commissioner Michael Gureckas and Commissioner Maria Mustelier-Parrish

Excused: Commissioner Edward A. Colley, Commissioner John R. James, Commissioner Steve Miller, Commissioner Sheila D. Wright and Commissioner Wan Chun Chang

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of March 18, 2015 (Continued from the meeting of 4/15/15). (15-1629)

On motion of 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner Carlos Benavides, and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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2. Approval of the Summary from the meeting of April 15, 2015. (15-2058)

On motion of 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 2nd Vice President John Troost, and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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3. Receive and file President Report for May 2015. (15-2059)

President Janet A. Neal welcomed newly appointed Commissioners Lourdes Caracoza, Hector Ochoa, Dee Pinchbeck and Peggie Reyna.

President Janet A. Neal noted she was scheduled to meet with the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability regarding transportation, blue curb and level sidewalks issues. The meeting was rescheduled to June, 2015.

4. Recommendation to take off calendar the purchase of an annual subscription of the publication, Disability Compliance for Higher Education, in the amount not to exceed \$250 as requested by the Education Committee. (Continued from the meeting of March 18, 2015 and April 15, 2015) (15-1256)

In response to Commissioner Lourdes Caracoza's inquiry as to why the item was being taken off calendar; President Neal noted the information provided with the subscription was also available via the internet.

After discussion, on motion of 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by 2nd Vice President John Troost, and unanimously carried, this item was taken off calendar.

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5. Recommendation to take off calendar consideration of action regarding the impact of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) has on people living with disabilities as submitted by Commissioner Edward A. Colley (Continued from the meetings of 06/18/14, 8/20/14, 9/17/14, 10/15/14, 2/18/15 and 4/15/15). (13-4719)

On motion of 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer, and unanimously carried, this item was taken off calendar without discussion.

6. Report by the Nominating Committee on the Bylaws, Slate of Officers, Declaration of Candidacy and open nominations of 2015-16 Commission on Disabilities' officers. (15-2219)

Commission staff presented the Slate of Officers in the absence of Commissioner John James, Nominating Committee Chair. She noted there was no candidate for Treasurer. Commissioner Lourdes Caracoza inquired about the duties of the Treasurer and current Treasurer Commissioner Winslow Reitnouer read the duties from the Commission ByLaws.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Winslow Reitnouer, seconded by Commissioner Peggie Reyna, and unanimously carried, Commissioner Lourdes Caracoza was nominated to the position of Treasurer. There were no additional nominations submitted from the floor. Staff Emma De Jesus closed nominations and noted Commissioner Lourdes Caracoza's name will be included to the Slate of Officers for the June election.

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II. REPORTS

7. Receive and file Events/Standing Committee Reports for May 2015:
- Events: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Teran, Troost
 - Education: Commissioners Troost (Chair), James, Neal
 - Transportation: Commissioners Neal (Chair), Reitnouer, Troost, Teran
 - Housing: Commissioners Welt Narro (Chair), Teran, Neal
 - Recreation: Commissioners Benavides (Chair) (15-2060)

Chair Janet A. Neal provided a brief report of the Events/Standing Committee meeting of May highlighting the following:

Events

The Board presentation of the Commission on Disabilities scholarship recipients will be held on June 30, 2015.

Education

Chair John Troost reported that last week the Committee reviewed the applications and Commission staff read the names of the winners to receive scholarships were announced.

Transportation

Chair Janet A. Neal reported the Committee is working on long and short term goals, including addressing blue curbs and level sidewalk issues

Housing

Chair Wendy Welt Narro reported she is still working with a Department representative to speak on housing for homeless people with disabilities.

Recreation

Commissioner Carlos Benavides reported that he is still working with the Department of Beaches and Harbors and will report back on accessible beaches at the June 17, 2015 meeting.

Daniel Garcia, member of the public, addressed the Commission on affordable and accessible housing.

After discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

- 8. Receive and file Monthly Staff Report for May 2015. (15-2061)**

Emma De Jesus, Commission Staff, reminded Commissioners of the Leadership Conference to be held on May 27, 2015 hosted by the Quality and Productivity Commission. Commissioners wishing to attend should inform staff as soon as possible in order to reserve their seat at the conference. She noted scheduling of presentation before the Commission were quickly confirmed by several Departments and presentations have been scheduled through March 2016.

After discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

9. Receive and file the Monthly Report by Louis Burns, Access Services Customer Service Support Administrator, Access Services Incorporated. (15-2064)

Louis Burns, Customer Service Support Administrator of Access Services, Incorporated, introduced Susana Cadenas and Matthew Avancena of Access Services. They provided a Power Point presentation on Access Inside Customer Care.

Ms. Cadenas reported on the objectives and tools that are being utilized by Access and responded to questions posed by Commissioners Wendy Welt Narro, Lourdes Caracoza, Peggie Reyna, Hector Ochoa and Carlos Benavides.

Daniel Garcia, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on rating the severity of the complaint Access Services receive.

President Janet A. Neal thanked Ms. Cadenas and Mr. Avancena for their informative presentation.

After discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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10. Receive and file report by Steven Simon, Executive Director, Los Angeles City Department on Disability on overview of services and participation in the 2015 Special Olympics. (Continued from meeting of May 20, 2015) (15-2316)

Mr. Steven Simon, Executive Director of the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability was not available to present a report. President Janet A. Neal requested the Commission to collaborate with the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability as they will be participating in this year's Special Olympics.

Daniel Garcia, member of the public, addressed the Commission on Special Olympic Games and encouraged everyone to volunteer.

After discussion, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of June 17, 2015.

11. Receive and file the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting report of May 2015 by 2nd Vice President John Troost. (15-2315)

Commissioner Carlos Benavides read 2nd Vice President John Troost's written report on the Access Services, Incorporated Board of Directors meeting of May 2015. President Janet A. Neal thanked 2nd Vice President Troost for his informative report and Commissioner Benavides for reading the report.

After discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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12. Receive and file the Monthly Report presented by Giovanna Gogreve, ADA Para Transit Program Administrator for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (METRO). (Continued from the meeting of May 20, 2015) (15-2065)

Daniel Garcia, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on METRO Services.

Genevieve Clavreul, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on wheelchair accessibility and survey distribution.

There being no representative from METRO, the item was continued without discussion to the meeting of June 17, 2015.

13. Receive and file Commissioner Announcements for May 2015. (15-2066)

President Janet A. Neal announced the passing of Betty V. Graliker, a 90-year old activist and residence of Burbank, CA.

President Janet A. Neal will attend the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability meeting scheduled on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. to speak on issues regarding the City of Los Angeles Fire Department.

1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro reported that she has signed up as a volunteer at the Special Olympics Games event in El Segundo and encouraged everyone to volunteer also.

Emma De Jesus, Commission staff, reported that she received a letter of resignation from Treasurer Winslow Reitnouer effective June 30, 2015.

After discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

- 14.** Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-2067)

There were no matters to post on the agenda for action at a future meeting.

Public Comment

- 15.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-2068)

Genevieve Clavreul, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on the merger proposal of the following County Departments - the Departments of Health Services, Public Health and Mental Health into a single integrated Department.

Daniel Garcia, a member of the public, asked the Commission to support his running for public office and also added that his wheelchair was recently stolen.

Jacob Cohen, a member of the public, addressed the Commission on the warehousing of mental health clients.

Kimberly Whyte, a member of the public, thanked the Commission and added they were instrumental in getting her help involving a Metro bus driver.

Chanh To, a member of the public, invited the Commission to the following events: Judy Cohen Live event on May 28, 2015 at the Convention Center; Innovation on Recover Conference to be held on June 16, 2015 at California Endowment Center; and the 16th Annual Hope & Recovery Conference on June 24, 2015 at the Center of Cathedral Plaza.

Genevieve Clavreul, a member of the public, addressed the Commission regarding a meeting held in Antelope Valley. She reported that people are having to wait three (3) years to receive surgery and mental health services.

No action was taken by the Commission.

Adjournment

- 16. Adjournment for the meeting of May 20, 2015. (15-2069)**

On motion of 1st Vice President Wendy Welt Narro, seconded by Commissioner Lourdes Caracoza, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. in memory of Betty V. Graliker.